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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2003, Applicants submit the following Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper; however, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number 07-2339.

Claims 1-52 are pending in the present application.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In this Response, Applicants amend claim 17 for consistency of terminology issues. Applicants also traverse Examiner's rejections of the pending claims. Claims 1-52 are pending upon entry of the Amendment.